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May 27, 2022

FROM: Environmental Finance Center at Sacramento State

TO: Rural Community Assistance Corporation
3120 Freeboard Drive, Suite 201
West Sacramento, CA 95691

RE: Support for RCAC's Environmental Finance Center Region 9 Category 2 Grant Application

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to document the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at California State University, Sacramento (Sacramento State) support for the Category 2 (i.e., BIL funded, water focused) Region 9 Environmental Finance Center proposal submitted by the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC). As the existing multi-media EFC for EPA Region 9, our organization will support RCAC's services in getting Region 9 communities and water systems access to funding for improved water infrastructure. In particular, our organization will collaborate with RCAC and other stakeholders (such as State Revolving Fund programs) to identify and help small, rural, and tribal communities in Region 9 that are either unserved or underserved to prepare and apply for BIL funding opportunities targeted to improve public and environmental health and promote prosperity in rural America.

In addition to our current EFC services, the Office of Water Programs (OWP) at Sacramento State, in which our EFC resides, has a long time relationship with RCAC in providing training manuals and certifications for drinking water and wastewater operators and managers throughout the US. We will leverage these resources and relationships to help the RCAC be successful in equitable distribution of BIL funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Ramzi Mahmood", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ramzi J. Mahmood, Ph.D., P.E., Executive Director
Office of Water Programs at Sacramento State



June 20, 2022

Ari Neumann
Director
Community and Environmental Services
Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)

Dear Ari,

I am writing to document Moonshot Missions' support of RCAC application for the EPA Region 9 Environmental Finance Center (EFC) Category 2. If this proposal is funded, as part of the coalition Moonshot Missions will be committed to providing technical assistance and tailored solutions to the most critical drinking water and wastewater challenges in all Region 9 states and support underserved communities gain access to federal and state funding associated with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

Moonshot Missions is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) committed to serving as trusted advisors, ensuring the delivery of clean water and transforming the water sector to protect the environment and public health in an affordable way. Moonshot staff is comprised of utility veterans who are uniquely qualified to provide in-depth technical assistance to underserved utilities through a proven peer advisory approach. Moonshot works collaboratively with utility managers and operators to assess current conditions and address compliance challenges by customizing affordable field-tested solutions to improve efficiency and performance.

Historically, underserved communities have been dealing with complex drinking and wastewater challenges including failing infrastructure, polluted water sources, low-capacity utility management and limited access to federal and state funding. Moonshot will focus on comprehensively evaluating struggling utilities and developing sustainable infrastructure, operational and financial solutions to improve quality of life in the underserved communities. Moonshot will also support these communities to gain access to federal and state funding associated with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), as well as other funding sources, as applicable, by providing planning, permitting, design review and application assistance.

Again, we strongly support the RCAC application for category 2 EFC in Region 9.

Yours sincerely,

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3 June 2022

FROM: The Town of Kearny

TO: Radhika Fox

Assistant Administrator for Water
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Support for RCAC's Region 9 Environmental Finance Center Grant Proposal

Dear Administrator Fox,

I am writing to document the Town of Kearny's support for the Region 9 Environmental Finance Center proposal submitted by Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC). Our community has greatly benefited in the past from comprehensive capacity building technical assistance and training provided by RCAC.

If this proposal is selected for funding, we look forward to the continuation of assistance by RCAC and its coalition of partners in developing and implementing capital improvements planning to rehabilitate our small drinking water and wastewater systems.

Sincerely,

Sharon Jakubowski Wolz
Town Manager

CC: Olga Morales, RCAC Environmental Coordinator